

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of reproducing a process cartridge, which is detachably attachable to the main body of an electrophotographic photosensitive image forming apparatus, includes a side plate removing step of removing first and second side plates disposed to a process cartridge at both the ends thereof in a lengthwise direction, a charging unit removing step, an electrophotographic photosensitive drum removing step, an electrophotographic photosensitive drum attaching step, a charging unit attaching step, and a positioning step of attaching the first and second side plates to the development unit, to which the electrophotographic photosensitive drum and the charging unit are attached, positioning the development unit and the charging unit by the first side plate as well as movably supporting the electrophotographic photosensitive drum in a direction perpendicular to the lengthwise direction, and positioning the development unit, the charging unit and the electrophotographic photosensitive drum by the second side plate. Further, another method of reproducing the process cartridge includes an open/close shutter opening step of opening an open/close shutter of a developing agent replenishing port disposed to the developing unit, a first developing agent in development unit evacuating step

of evacuating the developing agent in the development unit from the development agent replenishing port, a development agent filling step of filling a new developing agent from the developing agent
5 replenishing port, and an open/close shutter closing step of closing the open/close shutter.